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WARNING LETTER

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Joseph Leonard
Chief Executive Officer
Air Tran Airways
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Dear Mr. Leonard:

During an inspection of your airline support facility, Air Tan Airways, DFW International Airport Terminal E Gate Two, on April 30, 2001, our investigator documented deviations from Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 1250. Therefore, the referenced site has been classified as "Provisional." Our investigation revealed significant insanitary conditions, including:

1. The cap for the lavatory sewage tank vent located in the lavatory cart is missing and therefore the tank is not fly proof. The vent is located on top of the tank and measures up to 2.5 inches in diameter
2. The lavatory cart drain is leaking slowly and approximately 15 ml of liquid sewage had accumulated on the tarmac under the cart.

This letter is not intended to be an all-inclusive list of deficiencies at your airline support site and it is your responsibility to ensure adherence to each requirement of the regulations.

A list of Inspectional Observations (FDA-483) was issued to and discussed with management at the referenced support facility. A copy of the FDA-483 is enclosed for your reference. Please review the observations noted by the investigator at the DFW location inspected and respond in writing to each observation. You should take prompt action to correct these deviations and ensure that future violations do not recur. Failure to correct these critical violations can result in further action by FDA. Your airline support facility may be placed on a "Not Approved" status, following the current provisional status, if future similar violations occur. FDA would ask that you extend any needed corrections

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to other airline support facilities at DFW. We realize that a large airport may have numerous support facilities and therefore, you should address the compliance status at all locations under your control.

You should notify this office in writing, within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this letter, stating the specific steps you have taken to correct the aforementioned violations. Your reply should be directed to Gwen Gilbreath, Compliance Officer, at the above letterhead address.

Sincerely,


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